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POST APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE TDY COMMUNICATOR UNTIL POSITION 129 ONBOARD. ARRIVAL DATE OF FEBRUARY 11 MISSES MOST CRITICAL PERIOD COMMUNICATION SECTION LIKELY TO FACE. AT PRESENT C&R MANAGING TO HOLD HEADS ABOVE WATER WITH MODERATE AMOUNT OF OVERTIME. TENTATIVE ARRIVAL NEGOTIATING TEAM FEBRUARY 5 WILL STRETCH EXISTING RESOURCES TO LIMIT. IN ADDITION, OPERATION FULL MOON I IS SLATED TO COMMENCE FEBRUARY 10 AND CONTINUE THRU FEBRUARY 12. DURING THIS PERIOD EMBASSY PLAYS AT WAR GAMES 0700-2000 DAILY WITH TRAFFIC LOAD DOUBLING AND PRECEDENCE OF IMMEDIATE THE NORM. IN ORDER ASSURE SUCCESS OF BOTH NEGOTIATORS VISIT AND OPERATION FULL MOON IT IMPERATIVE WE HAVE ADEQUATE COVERAGE PERIOD 5 THRU 20 FEBRUARY. ACCORDINGLY, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE MR. WRIGHT'S ARRIVAL ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 4.
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